2. Massive awareness campaign for the masses through print and electronic media.

3. Visits of Wildlife personnel to the conflict prone villages for educating the locals regarding preventive measures to be adopted.

4. Setting up of village level committees for creating awareness.

**Office buildings for Railway undertakings**

†*69. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the undertakings under his Ministry do not have their own office buildings and they are operating from rented buildings;

(b) if so, the reasons for not constructing buildings for those undertakings;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said undertakings are paying crores of rupees as rent every year in the absence of buildings for them; and

(d) if so, by when buildings would be constructed for such undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

There are 9 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways namely:

(i) IRCON International Limited (IRCON), (ii) RITES Limited (RITES), (iii) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (IRFC), (iv) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), (v) Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), (vi) Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited (MRVC), (vii) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), (viii) Railtel Corporation of India Ltd. (RCIL), and (ix) Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL).

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The status of these PSUs with regard to their functioning from their own office premises or rented premises for their Corporate office is as under:

| Name of PSUs | CORPORATE OFFICE | |
|---|---|---|
| | Own | Rent |
| IRCON International Ltd. | C-4, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017. (This is under construction and are likely to shift there by April, 2007). | Palika Bhawan, Sector XIII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022. |
| RITES Ltd. | RITES Bhawan, Plot No. 1, Sector 29, Gurgaon-122001 | New Delhi House, 27, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 |
| CONCOR | CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, Apposite Apollo Hospital, New Deihi-110076 | |
| Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. | UG Floor, East Tower, Bhishma Pitamah Marg, Pragati Vihar, Lodhi Road, New Deihi-110003 | |
| Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. | Belapur Bhawan, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614 | Belapur Bhawan, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614 |
| Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. | | 2nd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai - 400020 |
| Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. | | 9th Floor, Bank of Baroda Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi -110001 |
| Railtel Corporation of India Ltd. | | 10th Floor, Bank of Baroda Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 |
| Rail Vikas Nigam Limited | | 1st Floor, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110022 |

From the above table it can be seen that:

(a) 4 PSUs namely RITES, CONCOR, KRCL and IRFC have their own corporate building.

(b) 5 PSUs namely IRCON, IRCTC, RCIL, MRVC and RVNL have their corporate offices in rented premises.

(c) 2 PSUs namely RITES and KRCL operate from both rented and their own premises.

The status of these PSUs with regard to their functioning from their own office premises or rented premises for their Regional office is as under:

| Name of PSUs | REGIONAL OFFICE | |
|---|---|---|
| | Own | Rent |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| IRCON International Ltd. | Nil | Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai |
| RITESLtd. | Project Office: Bhubaneshwar, Mumbai, Nagpur, Kolkata Regional Inspection Office: Kolkata | Project Offcie: Bangalore, Lucknow Regional Inspection Office: Mumbai & Chennai. |
| CONCOR | Tughlakabad, | Nagpur, Kolkata, Secunderabad, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chennai . and Noida |
| Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. | Nil | Nil |
| Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. | Ratnagiri, Karwar | Nil |
| Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. | Nil | Nil |
| Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. | Nil | Zonal Office: New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata (2), Secunderabad. Regional Office: Chandigarh, Lucknow, Allahabad, Patna, Raipur, Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati, Ernakulam, Bangalore, Jaipur, Bhopal, Ahmedabad. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Railtel Corporation of India Ltd. | Nil | New Delhi, Mumbai, Secunderabad, Kolkatta These are in the Railway premises itself. Railtel has paid no rent so far. |
| Rail Vikas Nigam Limited | No Regional Office | Only project implementation Units at Secunderabad, Raipur, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Jaipur and Navi Mumbai. |

(b) The reasons for not constructing corporate office buildings by these PSUs are as under:

| Sl.No. | Name of PSUs | Reasons |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Railtel Corporation of India Ltd. | RCIL has been operating in rented premises as no suitable land was immediately-available for the same. However, RCIL has planned its own building which will come up in 2-3 years time. |
| 2 | Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Lid. | MRVC was incorporated in 1999 to implement the rail component of an integrated rail-cum-road urban transport project (MUTP). Since it is not a permanent organisation, the requirement of having a permanent office space is note felt. |
| 3. | Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. | IRCTC is in the business of promoting Tourism and it was felt necessary that its offices should be located in prominent areas, where customers can have easy access. Accordingly, IRCTC is operating its offices from rented premises located in prominent areas. |
| 4. | Rail Vikas Nigam Limited | RVNL is a project specific organisation that has been set up to complete assigned projects in a limited time span. Since it is not a permanent organisation, the requirement of having a permanent office space is not felt. |
| 5. | Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. | At present KRCL Corporate office is located at Navi Mumbai with a office space of around 2000 Sq. mt. in Balapur Bhawan in CBD Belapur area. This premise was purchased during the year 1994. As KRCL has expanded its operations there has been a need for |

| Sl.No. | Name of PSUs | Reasons |
|---|---|---|
| 6. | IRCON International Ltd. | more office space. KRCL has taken on lease the 4th, 5th and 6th floor in the same building.<br>Due to non-availability of suitable land IRCON was operating from rented premises. However, the corporate office of IRCON is now under construction and IRCON are likely to shift there by April, 2007. |

(c) Yes, Sir. The amount being spent as rental for corporate office and regional offices by these PSUs is as under:

| Name of PSU | Rent For Corporate Office/annum | Rent For Regional . Office/annum | TOTAL/ ANNUM |
|---|---|---|---|
| IRCON | 1,63,20,000 | 1,20,48,000 | 2,83,68,000 |
| RCIL | 60,00,000 | 0 | 60,00,000 |
| MRVC | 2,84,016 | 0 | 2,84,016 |
| IRCTC | 2,55,36,000 | 1,17,72,000 | 3,73,08,000 |
| RVNL | 2,75,75,484 | 0 | 2,75,75,484 |
| KRCL | 40,42,080 | 0 | 40,42,080 |
| RITES | 5,60,376 | 1,20,23,420 | 1,25,83,796 |
| IRPC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONCOR | 0 | 74,32412 | 74,32,412 |
| TOTAL: | 8,03,17,956 | 4,32,75,832 | 12,35,93,788 |

It can be seen from the above table that a total of Rs. 12.36 crores is being spent annually on rent by the PSU's for both corporate as well as Regional offices.

(d) Present status of the construction of the buildings by PSUs is as under:

Public Sector Undertakings by their very nature have to operate on commercial lines and have to attain financial viability for their survival in the long term. Many of these PSUs like MRVC, RVNL are project specific undertakings and have been set up to complete these projects within a specific time span. As they are not of a permanent nature, the need for having a permanent office space is not felt. Other PSUs like IRCTC have a

functional responsibility to promote tourism and take-over the catering business of Indian Railways. Here, the need is for being located in areas where access for customers to approach their offices is convenient. Moreover, since these have been recently set up, the concern is more towards generation of funds and their own long-term financial viability through investment in better operating practices. Moreover, these PSUs have to take these decisions bearing in mind the cost effectiveness of having their own office space as compared to their overall objective of having long-term financial viability.

However, status of the planning and construction of building by PSU's for their corporate offices is given below:

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|---|---|
| IRCON International Ltd. | Corporate office of IRCON is under construction which is nearing completion. It is likely to shift to its own office building by April, 2007. |
| Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. | MRVC was incorporated in 1999 to implement the rail component of an integrated rail-cum-road urban transport project. It is not a permanent organisation, hence, the requirement of a permanent office space is not felt required. |
| Railtel Corporation of India Ltd. | RCIL has now planned to construct its own building which is likely to come up within the next 2-3 years. |
| Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. | RVNL has been set up to complete the assigned projects in a limited time span. Since it is a project based organisation, the requirement of having a permanent office space is not felt. |
| IRCTC | IRCTC was set up in 1999 and started full fledged functioning in 2001 only. The issue of construction of its own office building will be considered only at a later date. |

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|---|---|
| Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. | A proposal of KRCL to purchase the currently leased office space from Nuclear Power Corporation Limited (NPCL) is under examination at Railway Board. |

**Black marketing** of **wheat by FPS**

†*70. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRU BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints regarding the large scale black marketing of wheat by Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so; whether any action has been taken to apprehend the culprits; and

(c) if so, the number of persons arrested in these raids and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Targetted Public Distribution System. (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Centre and State Governments. The Central Government have responsibility for procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of foodgrains, etc. The responsibility for effective distribution of the same to the consumers through a vast net work of Fair Shops (FPSs) lies with the State Governments. The operational responsibilities including allocation within the State, identification of families below poverty line, issue of ration cards, effective distribution, supervision and monitoring the functioning of FPSs rests with the State Governments. The distribution is carried through 4.89 lakh FPSs spread throughout the country. In such a vast net work of Public Distribution System, the possibilities of irregularities in some cases/ places cannot be ruled out. The Central Government is constantly reviewing and monitoring the performance of TPDS by periodically holding meetings/ conferences with the State Government and taking necessary corrective measures under the stipulated provisions of PDS (Control) Order, 2001.

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